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Yours very truly
Gustave J. Lubin

PROMINENT PHILATELISTS. II.

The Charleston Philatelist.

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Prominent Philatelists—II. Gustave J. Luhn.

IT is a well-known fact that it requires cheek to get along in this world. It also takes cheek for a fellow to put his own picture in a paper edited, published, managed and owned by himself. However, as it was at my suggestion that it is done, here goes for the usual supply of "chestnuts," which are thrown in *free* with each chromo.

Mr. GUSTAVE JAMES LUHN was born in Charleston, S. C., on the 23d of February, 1872, and by a peculiar arithmetical calculation, known only to us Charleston fellows, I find him to be just sixteen years of age—sweet sixteen.

He started school when he was but five years old, and has been going steadily until last July, when he finished up his course at the High School of Charleston. He commenced to *keep* stamps when he was two years old (more or less), but did not start to *collect* until about three years ago. His present collection numbers about 2000 varieties of adhesives, although he has been continually selling out and starting over again. It contains no very rare stamps, but I may here mention that it *does* contain a 5 cent Charleston local, which he offered me 50 cents for before I knew what it was worth. However, as I saw that the Carson Stamp Co offered $2.50 in exchange for it, I let Gus have it for $2.00 cash, as he was a friend. His collection also contains some old issues of the United States and U. S. of Colombia.

His business career began in the fall of 1886, when earthquakes were numerous, but as he had a very small stock and no money to advertise with, his first year was not much of a success. On January 21st of the next year he called a meeting of the Charleston collectors, with a view of forming a philatelic society, but the call was only responded to by five. However, nothing daunted, the Charleston Philatelic Society was organized, and he was unanimously elected president. Refusing to accept that office, he was content with being secretary for one year. At the expiration of his term he was again elected president by a unanimous vote, and this time he accepted.

He commenced the publication of this paper last October, but the first number was a miserable looking affair. However, it was better than Jas. C. Jay's (?) Philatelic (??) Midget, but as it was not accompanied by three or four sets of local stamps, it did not receive one-half the free advertising which the latter magazine (?) did. Not being content with such a small paper, he doubled the size with number two, and made it as neat as the best of 'em. Number three had two improvements—one, a cover; and the other,

one single solitary picture, and that a portrait of James Chalmers. Although the picture was a very common one, nobody objected, as one always likes to see things improving. Number four was the beginning of what we call the "Chromo Series," as it contained a portrait of I. B. Cohen, and a promise of more like it to follow. Although this paper is only published every three months, the Charleston collectors are proud of her, as this is the first attempt made at anything in this line.

Mr. Luhn is again about to try his luck in the stamp business, and this time he has some stock and a little money to advertise with. He is at present in the employ of the Charleston and Savannah Rwy. Co., and has a plenty of time to devote to business. Thus endeth the narrative. J. H. KLINCK.

The Stamp Act Excitement in Charlestown, S. C.

FROM AN OLD MANUSCRIPT.

"LATE in the evening of October 18th, 1765, there arrived and came to anchor under the cannon of Fort Johnson, the ship Planter's Adventure, Captain Miles Lawley, from London. It having been some time before reported that a Distributor of Stamps for this Province was coming over in this ship, and it being suspected, from the circumstance of its not coming up to town that night, that there was on board either a stamp officer, stamps or stamp paper. Early in the morning of the 19th, in the middle of Broad Street and Church Street there appeared suspended on a gallows twenty feet high, an effigy designed to represent a distributor of stamp paper, with a figure of the devil on its right hand, on its left a boat, with a head stuck on it distinguished by a blue bonnet, to each of which were affixed labels expressive of the sense of a people unshaken in their loyalty, but tenacious of just liberty, who had conceived 'that all internal duties imposed upon them without the consent of their immediate or even virtual representatives, was grievous, oppressive, and unconstitutional, and that an extension of the powers and jurisdiction of Admiralty Courts in America would subvert one of their most darling legal rights and privileges, that of trial by juries.' On the gallows, in very conspicuous characters, was 'Liberty and no Stamp Act,' and on the back of the principal figure these words, viz: 'Whoever shall dare attempt to pull down these effigies had better been born with a mill stone about his neck, and cast into the sea.' In this situation the effigies continued the whole day without one person offering to disturb or take them down, the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer, Assize and General Jail Delivery, sitting all the while, or was there the least riot or disturbance, though a great concourse of people incessantly resorted to the place of exhibition."

[To be continued.]

Philatelic Trade Review.

IN August we mailed 150 circulars to the most prominent stamp dealers in this country, but only those below responded. The amount of money invested by those is $57,070. The business done is about $71,645, and the amount spent in advertising per year is about $2,786. Of course these figures are not exactly correct, as it would be impossible for any man to say exactly what he has invested, what his annual business is, and what he spends on advertising. We hope to be able to have our next "Review" more complete than this, as by that time the dealers will know how to appreciate it. We sincerely thank those who have replied, and hope it will prove of some benefit to them.

GUSTAVE J. LUHN.

W. S. ALDRICH,

P. O. BOX 576. PORTLAND, ME.

Mr. W. S. Aldrich started his business in 1883, with a capital of $350.00; from which his sales amounted to about $450.00 per year, of which over $50.00 is spent in advertising in the various philatelic papers. He does business principally with young collectors, for whom he sends out approval sheets containing stamps ranging from 1 to 10 cents, of which he has an extremely large stock.

GUSTAV AUE & CO.,

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This firm started business in December, 1885, and at present have a stock worth over $1,000. They do an annual business of about $1,000 per year, and spend about $50 in advertising. Their specialties are philatelic literature, gummed hinges, and approval sheets. They issue a price-list every 3 months, and supply stamps for agents and advanced collectors. This firm publishes the Collector's Ledger, a newsy monthly devoted to collecting in all its branches.

C. H. BOGART,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Mr. C. H. Bogart commenced business in 1876, but discontinued in 1880, and started again in 1884. At present he has about $4,000 invested, from which he does an annual business of about $2,000, and spends about $103 in advertising. His specialty is South and Central American and Oceanican stamps. He issues a price-list and sends out approval sheets of stamps for agents and advanced collectors.

C. E. HASTINGS & CO.,

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Messrs. C. E. Hastings & Co. commenced business in 1882. They make a specialty of Ceylon postage and revenue stamps, and supply all kinds of stamps to advanced collectors. They also send out approval sheets of stamps to agents at 25 per cent. commission.

WM. P. BROWN,

ASTOR PLACE, NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. Wm. P. Brown commenced business in 1860, and at present has about $4,000.00 invested, from which his sales average about $6.000.00 per year. He makes a specialty of Foreign and United States postage, revenue and local stamps, and is therefore prepared to supply both the advanced collector and the beginner. He issues an annual catalogue and an occasional price list, and send sheets of fine stamps on approval. Mr. Brown has a one inch advertisement in every Philatelic paper of any consequence, at a cost to him of about $150.00 per year. He is one of the most reliable stamp dealers in the United States.

HENRY GREMMEL,

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Mr. Henry Gremmel commenced business in 1884, and at present has about $1,500,00 invested, from which he does an annual business of about $3,000.00. He makes a specialty of South and Central American and South African stamps, and sends out approval sheets of stamps for advanced collectors and agents at 33½ per cent. commission. Every fall he issues a price list of over 200 different sets and packets. He spends about $200.00 per year on advertising.

E. F. GAMBS,

234 MONTGOMERY ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Mr. E. F. Gambs commenced business in 1872. At present his capital is about $7,500.00 from which he does a business of about $5,000.00 cash and over double in exchange. He makes a specialty of approval sheets of stamps for agents and advanced collectors, and issues a 40 page price list semi-occasionally and gratuitously. Mr. Gambs has published two editions of the Young America Stamp Album, which are well adapted to the needs of young collectors. He advertises very extensively at a cost to him of about $500.00 yearly.

W. S. KINZER,

WOOSTER, - - OHIO.

Mr. W. S. Kinzer commenced business in 1883, with a capital of $200.00, from which investment he does an annual business of about $750.00, of which he uses about $40.00 in advertising. He makes a specialty of United States stamps, for the sale of which he issues a standard United States catalogue, also a monthly price list. He also sends out approval sheets for advanced collectors and agents.

A. LEHMAN, JR.,

635 MAIN STREET, PATERSON, N. J.

Mr. Lehman, Jr., commenced business in 1882, and has at present nearly $1,000.00 invested. He supplies stamps for agents and advanced collectors and issues an occasional price list.

GUSTAVE J. LUHN,
CHARLESTON, S. C.

Mr. G. J. Luhn commenced business in 1886, and at present has a capital of about $250.00 invested. He intends to do a large business and will spend about $50.00 in advertising. He sends out approval sheets of stamps, marked from 1 to 25 cents, to agents, and allows 25 per cent. commission, if sales reach 25 cents. Instead of a referenee, he only requires applicants for agencies to send their full street address and there will be trouble in store for the agent who does not make returns promptly.

D. H. MILLER,
1309 PINE STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Mr. D. H. Miller commenced his business in 1885, with a capital of $1.00, from which amount he does an annual business of over $50,00 per year, of which $15.00 is spent in advertising. He supplies agents with approval sheet of foreign stamps at 25 per cent. commission.

C. H. MEKEEL,
TURNER BUILDING, . ST. LOUIS, MO.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel commenced business in April, 1877, and at present his capital amounts to between $15,000.00 and $20,000.00. His specialty is North, South and Central American stamps, of which he has the largest stock in the world. He issues a complete catalogue every year, and a price list every three months. Advanced collectors and agents are supplied with fine selections of stamps on receipt of a good reference. His approval sheet business deserves special mention, as last year the gross value of sheets sent out was over $100.000.00. He does an annual business of about $40.000,00, of which $1,000 is spent in advertising.

Mr. Mekeel is President of the Philatelic Publishing Co., which publishes Mekeel's Blank Album, the History of the Postage Stamps of the United States, the Philatelic Catalogue, by Major E. B. Evans, and the Philatelic Journal of America, all of which publications are very popular and are meeting with a large sale.

E. W. VOUTE,
SUCCESSOR TO CHICAGO POSTAGE STAMP CO.,
P. O. BOX 233. CHICAGO, ILL.

The Chicago Postage Stamp Co. commenced business in 1882, with a capital of $600.00, but was succeeded by Mr. E. W. Voute in the early part of the present summer. Mr. Voute does a business of about $1,000.00 per year, of which about $150.00 is spent in advertising. He makes a specialty of Approved Books, in which he sends out stamps for beginners, advanced collectors and agents. To the latter he allows a commission of 20 to 40 per cent. Hereafter he will issue a price list two or three times a year. Mr. Voute is perfectly reliable in every respect and is recommended to the public generally.

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Mr. F. Noyes commenced business in 1885, with a capital of $900.00, from which he does an annual business of about $1,250.00. His specialty is Mexican stamps and exchange trade. He issues a price list of varieties every three months and a list of packets once a year, and supplies rareties for advanced collectors and packets and assortments for the young ones. He spends about $125.00 per year in advertising.

F. C. SAWYER,
BEAUCLERC, FLORIDA.

Mr. F. C. Sawyer commenced business in 1882, with a capital of $300.00. He supplies stamps for agents and advanced collectors, and sends out approval sheets of U. S. stamps at 25 per cent. and foreign stamps at 33⅓ per cent. commission. He issues a catalogue of stamps and curios every November, which is sent on receipt of two cent stamp. Mr. Sawyer's business amounts to about $150.00 per annum, of which $25.00 is spent in advertising.

CHAS. A. TOWNSEND,
512 W. MARKET ST., AKRON, O.

Mr. C. A. Townsend commenced business in 1886, and at present has about $350.00 invested. He makes a specialty of sending out approved sheets to agents and issues a catalogue every Spring. He is the publisher of the American Stamp Collectors' Directory, which is meeting with a large sale. He does an annual business of about $500,00, and spends $75.00 in advertising.

CHAS. G. WOODWORTH,
BOX 3003, DENVER, COL.

Mr. Chas. G. Woodworth commenced business in 1886, with a very large capital, which has since been increased. He makes a specialty of U. S. Revenue and postage stamps, issues a price list quite frequently and sends out approved sheets of fine stamps for agents and advanced collectors. He spends about $240.00 per year in advertising. Mr. Woodworth is a member of nine Philatelic societies.

A Philatelic Press Association.

A Philatelic Press Association is now the next thing in order. The collectors have their society and the dealers have theirs, and now it is time that the Philatelic journals come together into an association of their own. There is no doubt that it will be a great benefit to all concerned, as our advertising rates will be on a uniform basis of so much per inch per thousand copies; we will not be troubled with dead beat advertisers, and the writers, who have joined, will be protected against dead beat papers. Of course, the Philatelic writers must be allowed to join, but I do

not think they should be eligible to office, as the association is intended chiefly for the protection of the publishers. A publisher to join should have some experience, and the writers should have contributed a certain number of articles, but I do not think it matters whether it be to one or twenty papers. I would say that no paper be admitted until at least three numbers have been issued. It is not necessary that the dues be much, as there will not be many expenses. This Association will be a success without doubt, as nearly every paper will be represented. Let every one interested in this Association express his thoughts on the subject, and then we can think about organizing. Whenever the Association is started just count me in.

GUSTAVE J. LUHN.

News Items.

Brazil is to have an entirely new set of stamps.

The French stamps surcharged *Gambier* are a manufacture.

Harmon R. Luhn, who has been spending about a year and a half at Annapolis, Md., has returned to Charleston.

The American Philatelic Association has now over six hundred members.

S. Allen Taylor has returned from Canada and is again in Boston.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel, who has been spending the summer at Sherwood, N. Y., has returned to St. Louis.

The Republican platform favors a reduction of letter postage to one cent per ounce.

The Eastern Philatelist will now be issued every two months instead of monthly.

Lieut. J. M. T. Partello has taken up his abode at Fort Davis, Texas.

The Charleston Locals with a picture of Fort Sumter on them are nothing but counterfeits, as no such stamps ever existed.

Mr. C. W. Gibbon, a member of the Charleston Philatelic Society, is at present at Cornell University, studying mechanical engineering.

It is rumored that I. B. Cohen is going to get married. There seems to be some truth in this, as he was recently admitted into the firm of Louis Cohen & Co.

One Dime calls Jas. C. Jay "one of the most prominent philatelists of the West." We knew he was *prominent*, but we never heard him called a *philatelist* before.

During the summer there was some talk of getting up a stock company in Charleston, with a capital of $500.00, for the sale of Foreign and U. S. Stamps. Nearly all of the stock was subscribed, but the project fell through.

Mr. Alvah Davison has withdrawn from the Ledger Co., and hereafter the Collector's Ledger will be edited by Mr. Gustav Aue.

Comments.

SAMPLE COPIES.

Of this issue we send out nearly 1500 sample copies and in each one we enclose one of our new subscription blank envelopes, and we hope a great many will be returned to us filled out. Many who receive copies may have gotten them before and have not subscribed because they think they will receive a sample copy of each issue. This crowd will be sadly "left" if they depend on this any more, because we intend to send sample copies only to Southern collectors hereafter, and we will keep a list of all those to whom copies are sent. Our advice is subscribe now, when you have before you a printed letter and an addressed envelope. You cannot deny that this paper is worth ten cents for four numbers.

THE CONVENTION.

The Third Convention of the A. P. A. has passed. As was expected, it was a perfect success in every respect. Nearly seventy members were present in person. The next one is to be held in St. Louis, in October. We do not give any detailed report, as all other journals have done so.

AN UN-APPROPRIATE NAME.

We notice in the August number of the U. S. Philatelist an article, entitled "Stamps," beginning with the words: "The system of prepaying postage by the use of adhesive stamps was originated by Rowland Hill, in 1837."

We were very much surprised to see such a thing, as we did not know the editor of the U. S. Philatelist favored Hill. If he intends to support Hill he had better change the name of his paper, as his sentiments are those of but a small part of the Philatelists of the United States.

LIBELOUS POSTAL CARDS.

By a recently approved Act of Congress any envelope or postal card bearing upon the outside "obscene, libelous, scurrilous or threatening delineations, epithets, terms or language, or reflecting injuriously upon the character or conduct of another," is declared non-mailable matter, and the sender is liable to a fine of not less than $100 nor more than $5,000, or imprisonment at hard labor not less than one year nor more than ten years, or both.

AMERICAN STAMP COLLECTORS' DIRECTORY.

We are indebted to Mr. H. L. Townsend for a copy of his American Stamp Collector's Directory. This directory is far ahead of anything which has ever been attempted in its line. Besides a list of over 1250 collectors in this country and Canada, it contains a list of the representative stamp dealers. This work should be in the hands of every Philatelist. The price is only 25 cents.

Two Cranks.

W. H. Keller and J. R. Findlay are cranks of the first water. They are both publishers of insignificant philatelic (?) journals (?). The former, because we said his paper contained some very interesting reading matter, but *would* come out in its shirt sleeves, pitches into us with the following lengthy *free advertisement:* "The *Charleston Philatelist*, a little once-every-three-months paper, with the aid of the editor of the Figaro secured enough advertisements to enable it to add a cover, which makes it think it has eclipsed all its monthly contemporaries, even if they are issued three times as often. It condemns such papers as the *Philadelphia Philatelist* and the *National Philatelist*, which are by far its superiors and all because they are not graced with a cover. The editor will learn by experience that all is not gold that glitters; even if it is a gaudy little yellow cover." Mr. Keller must have been slightly off his base when he wrote the above, as our cover was added just *three months before* we had any communication with the editor of the Figaro. Because we suggested that the Philadelphia Philatelist and National Philatelist *needed* covers, this young gentleman (?) says we condemn them. This is merely a difference of opinion. We would suggest that if Mr. (?) Keller wishes to advance the cause of Philately, he suspend his "disgrace" without delay. The latter, J. R. Findlay, in the first number of his publication, printed an article entitled "In a Mail Bag," and because we said it would amuse a child, but was of little use to a Philatelist, he finds fault with the cuts of prominent Philatelists which we are now publishing. If Findlay can show us a letter from a *Philatelist*, saying that he found the above mentioned story of any value, we will most cheerfully apologize and moreover we will have the apology printed in green ink, on sky-blue colored satin, and forward it by registered mail at our own expense.

Prospectus.

WE present to our readers for October 1st, our special edition, in a somewhat improved form. True to our promise, we still continue to publish the portait of a prominent Philatelist. We will continue the publication of this paper for sometime yet, and our aim will be to give their money's worth to our subscribers and satisfaction to our advertisers and the public generally. In our next number we will present the portrait of a gentleman well known to the public, but whose portrait has never before graced the pages of a stamp journal. The article, "The Stamp Act Excitement in Charleston, S. C.," will be continued in about three numbers more, and besides that we will have other articles by the best writers. We will issue a special edition similar to this, once a year, and in our next we hope to have more stamp dealers represented in the Trade Review than in this. We do not think those who subscribed to Vol. I, No. 1, can complain of not receiving what they paid for as that number had only *four* pages, and Vol. II, No. 1, has *sixteen* and *cover*.

The Charleston Philatelic Society.

IN the latter part of 1886 the stamp collectors of Charleston were agitated over the project of forming a Philatelic Society, and a large number signified their intention of joining. The first meeting was proposed for the last Friday in December. However, by an unavoidable delay the meeting was not held until January 21st of the next year, and then there were only five collectors present. A draft of a constitution was read and finally adopted. Officers were elected and the Philatelic Journal of America was selected as the official organ. Things went along smoothly, and at the third meeting two new members were elected. In March, when the Philatelic Societies were discussing the invention of the adhesive stamp, this society was among the first to adopt resolutions favorable to James Chalmers. At the next meeting Mr. Patrick Chalmers, of Wimbledon, England, was elected an honorary member. In June, owing to the very warm weather, the society disbanded until October 15th, when it again commenced business. It was thought that by offering rare stamps to new members, that the membership could be considerably increased. This was tried and the membership was increased from seven to sixteen. On December 31st, the time for the annual election, the following officers were elected:

President, GUSTAVE J. LUHN.
Vice-President, I. S. COHEN.
Secretary and Treasurer, J. H. KLINCK.
Members of Executive Committee, D. ROBB, C. W. GIBBON.*

The Society has disbanded for the summer, but the re-opening meeting will be held on October 13th.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

*Resigned.

Special Notice to Members.

THE re-opening meeting of the Charleston Philatelic Society will be held on Friday evening, October 13th, at 8.15 oclock, at the same place as heretofore. You will please attend. The society will esteem it a favor if you will bring with you any stamp collector of your acquaintance.

By order of the President. J. H. KLINCK, *Secretary.*
134 Broad Street, Charleston, S. C.

To Stamp Dealers.

A copy of this issue is sent to every stamp dealer we know of, and we beg that each will look carefully over it and see if he does not think it worth while trying an adv. in it. We will send our advertising rates to every one who will send us a postal card, stating whether he will use any red lines or have his adv. in black. Should this issue meet with favor we will have every succeeding issue printed in the same way. Our advertising rates are very low.

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The first stamp issued was by Alexander M. Greig, who was running an office for the delivery of city letters. The stamp was issued in 1842, and the design was the portrait of Washington, in an upright banded oval, inscribed: "United States City Dispatch Post, Three Cents." It was printed on thick colored paper, and was imperforated.

August 1, 1842.—3 cents, buff.
August 1, 1842.—3 cents, pale olive green.
December 31, 1842.—3 cents, pale blue (thinner paper).
Black impression, on colored surface paper, glazed.
1843.—3 cents, deep blue.
3 cents, blue.
3 cents, greenish blue.

There were no varieties of die, and were printed in sheets of 100 each.

The first of the Provisional issues bore the inscription *James M. Buchanan* in a straight line and 5 CENTS below.

1846.—5 cents, black.
Black impression, on thick white paper.
1847, January 15.—5 cents, black.
Of this stamp but ten specimens are known.

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The next was issued at Milburry, July 18, 1846. It was printed with a wood cut. It bore the head of Washington in a circle, looking to the right. POST-OFFICE above, PAID 5 CTS. below.

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